

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 14, 1120–1137, and S. Res. 150–153. **Pages S4599–S4600**

Measures Passed:

Commending University of Wyoming Cowgirls: Senate agreed to S. Res. 151, commending the University of Wyoming Cowgirls for their championship victory in the Women's National Invitation Tournament. **Page S4620**

Honoring Jackie Robinson: Senate agreed to S. Res. 152, honoring the lifetime achievements of Jackie Robinson. **Page S4620**

Select Committee on Ethics Temporary Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 153, making temporary appointments to the Select Committee on Ethics. **Page S4620**

National Missing Persons Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 112, designating April 6, 2007, as "National Missing Persons Day". **Pages S4620–21**

Intelligence Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 372, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Rockefeller (for Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 846, to require the Director of Science and Technology of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to develop 15-year projections and assessments of the needs of the intelligence community to ensure a robust federal scientific and engineering workforce and the means to recruit such a workforce.

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Rockefeller (for Bond) Amendment No. 858, to improve the notification of Congress regarding intelligence activities of the United States Government.

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Rockefeller (for Bond) Modified Amendment No. 860, to modify the requirements for the report on any clandestine prison or detention facility for individuals captured in the global war on terrorism.

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Rockefeller (for Bond/Rockefeller) Modified Amendment No. 861, to clarify the national security mission of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

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Rockefeller (for Bond/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 862, to change the name of the National Space Intelligence Center to the National Space Intelligence Office.

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Rockefeller (for Bond/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 863, to modify the requirements related to the Director and Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Rockefeller (for Bond/Rockefeller) Modified Amendment No. 872, to modify requirements for the content of the report on compliance with the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005.

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Pending:

Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 843, in the nature of a substitute.

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Collins Amendment No. 847 (to Amendment No. 843), to reaffirm the constitutional and statutory protections accorded sealed domestic mail.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 849 (to Amendment No. 843), to amend chapter 113B of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the recruitment of persons to participate in terrorism, to provide remedies for immigration litigation, and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the requirements related to judicial review of visa revocation and to modify the requirements related to detention and removal of aliens ordered removed.

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Kyl Amendment No. 866 (to Amendment No. 849), to protect classified information.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Senate vitiated the adoption of the following amendments:

Rockefeller (for Bond) Amendment No. 856, to strike the requirement for a study on the disclosure of additional intelligence information.

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Rockefeller (for Bond) Amendment No. 859, to strike the pilot program on disclosure of records under the Privacy Act relating to certain intelligence activities.

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By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 131), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill.

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Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act and Court Security Improvement Act—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3, to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed thereon; provided further that, prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members; that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided between Senators Leahy and Specter or their designees.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—131)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4622.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMBATING AUTISM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies held a hearing to examine the status of autism and autism research, receiving testimony from Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Thomas R. Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Judith E. Favell, Celeste Foundation, Mount Dora, Florida; Robert C. Wright and Bradley Whitford, both of Autism Speaks, New York, New York; Marguerite Kirst Colston, Autism Society of America, Bethesda, Maryland; and Josh Cobbs, Sioux City, Iowa.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

COMBAT READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine whether the Army and Marine Corps are properly sized, organized, and equipped to respond to the most likely missions over the next two decades while retaining adequate capability to respond to all contingencies along the spectrum of combat, after receiving testimony from Andrew F. Krepinevich, Jr., Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, and Lawrence J. Korb, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.; General Barry R. McCaffrey (Ret.) USA, BR McCaffrey Associates LLC, Arlington, Virginia; and Major General Robert H. Scales, Jr. (Ret.) USA, Colgen, Inc., Dayton, Maryland.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine the current readiness of United States ground forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, from Lieutenant General James J. Lovelace, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–3/5/7, Headquarters, Department of the Army, and Lieutenant General Richard F. Natonski, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations, Headquarters,